

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

February 5, 1963

NATIONAL SECURITY ACTION MEMORANDUM NO. 220

TO: The Secretary of State  
The Secretary of Defense  
The Secretary of Agriculture  
The Secretary of Commerce  
The Administrator, Agency for International  
Development  
The Administrator, General Services Administration

SUBJECT: U.S. Government Shipments by Foreign Flag Vessels  
in the Cuban Trade

At its meeting on February 5, 1963, the Executive Committee of the National Security Council considered United States policy with respect to shipments financed by the Departments of State, Defense, and Agriculture, General Services Administration, and the Agency for International Development on foreign flag ships engaged in the Cuba trade. The President approved the recommendation that such cargoes should not be shipped from the United States on a foreign flag vessel if such vessel has called at a Cuban port on or after January 1, 1963. The President agreed that an exception may be made as to any such vessel if the persons who control the vessel give satisfactory assurance that no ships under their control will, thenceforth, be employed in the Cuba trade so long as it remains the policy of the United States Government to discourage such trade. The Secretary of State is to be consulted on the form and content of any such assurances.

The Secretaries of State, Defense, and Agriculture, the Administrator of AID, and the Administrator of GSA were directed to take such steps as may be necessary to carry out this policy.

The Secretary of Commerce is to make available to the appropriate Departments current pertinent information which he may have on ships engaged in the Cuba trade.

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cc: Members of the Executive